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■ Melting snow and heavy rains have caused the mighty Mississippi to surge over its banks throughout much of the midwest. Officials have closed more than 400 miles of the river to traffic, and forecasted rains may force water levels to rise even higher. Experts believe the river will continue to rise through the weekend, and crest sometime early next week.

SPORTS



■ Even before Saturday's NFL draft, the San Diego Chargers have open contract talks with projected number one pick Michael Vick. Although Michael Sullivan, one of Vick's agents, has described the negotiations as friendly, the Chargers are wary of repeating the mistake they made with quarterback Ryan Leaf, who turned out to be a colossal bust for the Chargers after being selected second overall in the 1998 draft. "The discussions have been serious and friendly, but substantial obstacles remain and no deal is imminent. We agreed to continue the dialogue," Sullivan said.



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Valley teacher pay competitive with nation

By Daniel Garcia Ordaz

The Pan American

A recent Texas Educational Agency (TEA) survey indicated 2000-2001 salaries for certified teachers with a bachelor's degree ranged from \$24,240 to \$30,500.

"School districts in this South Texas area are very competitive in the salaries and benefits that they offer their teachers," TEA Region One Educational Service Center representatives said. "These salaries combined with a low cost of living make this area an excellent place to work and live."

The two highest-paying school districts in the Valley are La Joya Independent School District (ISD) and

Weslaco ISD, who pay \$30,500 to beginning teachers who are certified.

ISDs in Brownsville, McAllen and Mission (Consolidated ISD) each pay \$30,000 to "new" ("non-renewable contract" or "zero experience" teachers), representatives from respective districts said.

The average salary for a beginning teacher paid by Rio Grande Valley school districts was \$28,690 per year, \$4,361 above the state minimum salary, TEA reported.

TEA reported the state minimum salary schedule for teachers, librarian's, nurses and counselors for the 2000-2001 school year as \$2,424 monthly (or \$24,240 for a ten-month contract).

"We compete with Harlingen, San

Benito and Los Fresnos," said Rio Hondo ISD Superintendent Rolando Pena. "If your salary does not compete, you don't get the teachers."

A January 2001 report from the TEA said La Joya and Weslaco school districts had \$88,749,388 and \$69,649,810, respectively, in their general fund in 1998-99. The same report said Brownsville ISD had \$224,729,021, McAllen ISD had \$116,214,934, and Mission CISD had \$67,714,025 in their general fund for the 1998-99 school year.

The general fund totals in the TEA report did not include "Wealth Equalization Transfers" (known as "Robin Hood") funds, the TEA said.

Two of the poorest school districts

—in terms of general fund totals—in the Valley, were Donna ISD and Edcouch-Elsa ISD, the TEA reported. For the 1998-99 school year, Donna's total was \$55,975,322 and Edcouch-Elsa's total was \$27,941,823.

Donna ISD's new teacher pay is \$28,473 and Edcouch-Elsa's is \$29,000 for the 2000-2001 school year.

"We do not make cuts in supplies or materials," said Pena.

"We apply for federal funds in order to pay personnel."

Pena said school districts are rewarded by the state for collecting taxes. For every five cents raised in taxes the state gives districts \$300,000 dollars, he said.

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FBI's Internet 'Sniffer' garners mixed responses from public

By Ryan Zimmerman-Weaver

The Pan American

Carnivore is the Internet surveillance system developed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to collect information through e-mails and other electronic communications about a certain user or Web site.

FBI Assistant Director Donald Kerr described Carnivore in a press conference as a "computer based system that is designed to allow the FBI, in cooperation with the Internet Service Provider (ISP), to comply with court orders requiring the collection of certain information about e-

mails or other electronic communications to or from a specific user targeted by an investigation."

Anne Toal, director of Academic Computing, said people are worried about this "diagnostic tool" being used improperly and that FBI will go on "fishing expeditions" to find information they are not entitled to.

She describes Carnivore as "a sniffer that has an easy interface, which makes it easy for people to misuse as a result."

"On one hand, I'm not very paranoid about the FBI. I don't think they are out to get people," said Robert Graham, security expert and CTO of

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Distance learning alternative to classroom

By Daniel Garcia Ordaz

The Pan American

There are currently 262 students enrolled in online distance learning courses at UTPA and the university will be expanding the program this summer.

Students logging onto the online courses and WebCT (Web Course Tools) are required to use their Social Security numbers (SSN) as a password.

Some students fear sharing the sensitive information (SSN)

because of the increased chance of fraud stemming from SSN overuse.

"The Social Security Administration and the SSN deal with retirement, not school in this case," a UTPA student not wishing to be identified said.

Griselda De Leon, social work student at UTPA, said she is used to sharing her SSN, but expects the number to be held in confidentiality.

"There needs to be more securi-

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Ashely Brooks/The Pan American

A cross dating back to the 1700s in a small graveyard north of Edinburg serves as a reminder of history and simpler times.

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Opinion

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In case any students who have not read the Reader's Forum in the Monitor on February 13, 2001 regarding a deceitful car dealership, I would like to inform my fellow students how the Frank Smith Toyota-Isuzu-Hyundai Dealership in McAllen deceives consumers.

When my husband and I made a final deal for a new car at a 7.9 percent annual percentage rate (APR) for 48 months with \$2,000 down on Jan. 17, the unpaid balance due at delivery was \$10,076.

After we made clear statements to the dealership personnel that we did not want any extra expense other than the car itself, they told us the monthly

payment is \$257.

However, we discovered that the correct amount should have been \$245. They added \$576 in a fraudulent manner, knowing that there is no way consumers could calculate monthly payments with APR. When we confronted the dealership about the discrepancy the next day, they quickly corrected it to the right amount.

The replies from the dealership to our formal complaints to the Office of the Attorney General were quite outrageous. They stated, "the contract included Optional Credit and Disability Insurance, and required Mr. Rimassa's signature of acceptance in the portion of the contract."

They completely ignored

the point we were complaining about; i.e., when we declined to sign the Optional Credit and Disability Insurance, they kept assuring us there is no extra cost to our payments. They also added that it is only to our advantage to sign it since, whether or not we sign, we are paying the same amount of \$257 for 48 months.

Who in the world would imagine that they already added it without our knowledge?

No wonder that once our letter was published in the Monitor alerting the public about how the dealership systematically deceived consumers, we received numerous telephone calls from the readers who experienced identical or similar

problems from the same dealership, as well as others.

Once we informed the dealership that we would keep alerting consumers in addition to finding measures to stop the fraud, on Feb. 20, the general manager finally called to find out how the matter could be resolved.

We suggested that the dealership donate \$50,000 to a charity organization in the Valley.

The manager said he would relay the message to the owner.

But to date, we have not heard from them.

Song Hui Rimassa
Senior, Occupational
Therapy

Commentary

Writer questions freedom of student newspapers

By Ken Paulson
The First Amendment Center

Just how free are America's campuses?

That's an open question in the wake of a controversial newspaper ad opposing reparations for the descendants of slaves.

During the past month, the ad has touched off First Amendment brush fires on numerous college campuses. Placed by David Horowitz, an author who has moved from the left to the right of the political spectrum over the past 30 years, the ad was headlined "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea - And Racist Too."

Horowitz points out that no single group was responsible for slavery and that "most living Americans have no connection (direct or indirect) to slavery."

Horowitz's more controversial points include the assertion that African-Americans have benefited economically from slavery: "If slave labor created wealth for Americans, then obviously it has created wealth for black Americans as well, including descendants of slaves."

If Horowitz's goal was to raise his visibility on this issue, he has succeeded. If his goal

was to demonstrate that college campuses are not exactly havens for free speech, he has succeeded many times over.

According to Horowitz's Web page, he has attempted to place the ad in 71 college newspapers. To date, 22 have published the ad. A total of 39 have rejected the ad. And three campus papers have published the ad and then apologized after feeling heat from student organizations.

That heat has been widespread. Students have marched into newspaper offices and demanded that any fees paid by Horowitz be turned over to campus groups. At Brown University, a coalition of student groups stole almost 4,000 copies of *The Brown Daily Herald* in retaliation for publication of the ad.

To be sure, college newspapers have no obligation to run any ad. It's their First Amendment right to decide whether or not a commercial message will be published.

If, as some commentators have suggested, the failure to run a controversial ad flies in the face of free expression, then virtually all American newspapers are guilty of the charge. During my years as a newspaper editor, I saw the advertising department reject many potentially contro-

versial ads, including, most notably, anti-abortion ads containing graphic images of dead fetuses.

What makes the current ad controversy particularly unsettling, however, is the number of student groups — particularly groups concerned about racism — that want to punish both Horowitz and campus newspapers for exercising their free-speech rights.

I don't question the passion of their beliefs or their sense of injury. I do wonder, though, how they've lost sight of the role free speech has played in righting wrongs.

There's room in this debate for additional perspective. Let's recap the facts:

- This was an ad that clearly offended many in the community.
- It was an ad that many maintained was racially one-sided.
- The newspapers in which the ad appeared were criticized as irresponsible and unfair.

Now consider that these same three elements were cited in relation to another ad, one published in *The New York Times* on March 29, 1960. Under the headline "Heed the Rising Voices," the ad copy stated: "As the whole world knows by now,

thousands of Southern Negro students are engaged in widespread non-violent demonstrations and positive affirmation of the right to live in human dignity guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

The ad referred to police crack downs in Montgomery, Ala., saying that the students were "being met by an unprecedented wave of terror." The ad then asked for donations to support three controversial causes: the student movement, the voting-rights movement and the legal defense of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Times distributed 650,000 copies of the newspaper containing the ad — only 394 of them in Alabama.

As in the Horowitz controversy, however, this was an ad that clearly offended many in the community — in this case, the community of Montgomery, Ala. It was an ad that many maintained was racially one-sided. The newspaper in which it appeared was criticized as irresponsible and unfair.

Yet retaliation against *The New York Times* wasn't as easy as stealing papers from campus vending boxes. To strike back, Montgomery City

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BRONC Talk

With today's technology, do you feel that your privacy is being invaded?

—Irene Trevino



Sarah Castillo
Pre-Pharmacy Chemistry
Junior

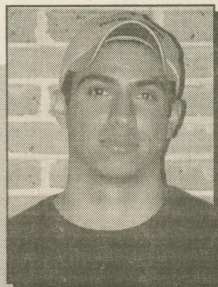
Yes, everywhere you go there's always cameras there. You never know who is watching you.

Where is it most likely to happen?
With computers.

Corey Baca
International Business
Sophomore

Yes. There are certain situations where it is required, but in others it is a violation of privacy.

Where is it most likely to happen?
In a fitting room.



Amey Graybeal
Broadcast Journalism
Freshman

No, I don't think it's invading our privacy if it's for security purposes.

Where is it most likely to happen?
In a dressing room.



Alberto Rodriguez
Computer Science
Freshman

No, I think it's needed. If I owned a store, I would want surveillance cameras in my store.

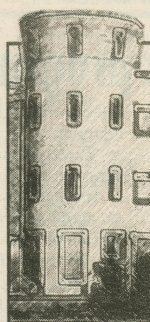
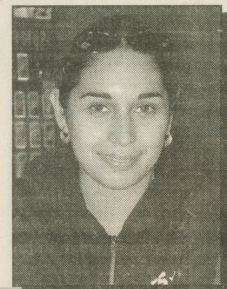
Where is it most likely to happen?
Restrooms and dressing rooms.



Bianca Avendano
Pre-Law
Freshman

Yes, because sometimes the intentions are perverse.

Where is it most likely to happen?
In hotel rooms. I've seen cameras in rooms in foreign countries.



Campus

news briefs

Bank contributes \$20k to UTPA scholarship, internship effort

Special to The Pan American

Business students in the UTPA American College of Business Administration (CBA) received a boost Monday with the establishment of a new scholarship/internship by Inter National Bank.

"We were trying to create new talent for our bank, and instead, we decided to create our own scholarship fund," said Carlos I. Garza, Inter National Bank president and CEO, during a news conference at the International Trade and Technology Building. "Even more, it includes a work study program that allows the bank to help train students."

The donation provides five CBA students with a \$4,000

scholarship for tuition and fees and a 20-hour-per-week paid internship at a local Inter National Bank branch.

Preference will be given to students majoring in accounting and/or finance and the scholarships will be available this fall.

UTPA President Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez said Inter National Bank's contribution to the University will help students gain valuable work experience.

"I'm thrilled on behalf of the students to accept this gift," Nevárez said.

"Aside from the scholarships, the internships allow students to work while going to school, and that will enhance their learning."

Students will obtain experience in loan review/credit

analysis, the note department, accounting and bookkeeping.

"This program helps students make the adjustment from the abstract classroom setting to a work setting," said Dr. John Emery, CBA dean.

To qualify, a student must be a U.S. citizen or resident enrolled full-time (12 hours) as a junior or senior with at least a 2.8 GPA.

Recipients will be selected by a special committee including professors from the CBA and representatives from Student Financial Services and Inter National Bank.

Students can receive the scholarship on a per semester basis for up to four semesters.

For more information, contact the CBA at (956) 381-3311.

Coach hits first ace in Blockbuster Million Dollar Shootout semifinal

Special to The Pan American

McAllen resident Israel Castillo had "lady luck" on his side Saturday when he hit his first-ever hole-in-one to automatically qualify for the Blockbuster Million Dollar Cash Shootout Saturday, April 21.

"It was a pretty magical feeling," he said. "It was my first hole-in-one in my whole life."

The Shootout is part of the UTPA Pan Am Classic golf tournament at Los Lagos Golf Club. Proceeds will go toward UTPA student scholarships through the UTPA Foundation.

During the Shootout semifinals at the Los Lagos Golf Club driving range, Castillo, a McAllen High School tennis coach for 17 years, was one of the last players in a group of 40 to be called to the tee. He qualified for three shots during pre-qualifying rounds earlier in the day.

Before more than 100 spectators, Castillo took his first swing and saw the ball travel 70 yards, hit the flag and drop into the hole.

"I hit the ball, heard the clatter and then saw everyone go crazy," said Castillo, who plays golf about three times a year. "I just hit the ball into the wind, and the wind caught it and dropped it into the hole."

Afterward, he picked up the two remaining golf balls and returned them to the registration table, having automatically qualified for the Shootout Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

"I've only played once this year and played four buckets of golf balls," he said. "I would say this is the most I have hit all year."

Castillo said his family, friends and McHi tennis players will be on hand to cheer him on in hopes he will be one of the contestants to win a million dollars.



Israel Castillo (left) receives "goodies" from Mark Lacy of UTPA after making a hole-in-one in the semifinal round.

Meanwhile, McAllen attorney Ruben Ramirez also recorded a hole-in-one during the semifinal and automatically qualified for the Shootout.

An additional \$57,000 is available during the Shootout for flags valued at \$10,000, \$4,000 and \$1,000 for balls that miss the million dollar mark.

For more information on the Blockbuster Shootout, call (956) 318-5301.

'Accelerated' teacher certification program alternative for graduates

By Daniel Garcia Ordaz

The Pan American

As of December 2000, there were 28 alternative teacher certification programs in Texas, said David Gonzalez, teacher certification evaluator at UTPA.

The popularity of alternative certification echoes population increases and the need for teachers in the Valley and state.

"It's a good program for someone that's committed to do this," Gonzalez said. "It's helped over 1,500 teachers, so it's a good, solid program."

Alternative teacher certification involves completion of one full year of teaching, 12 credit hours of education classes and passage of ExCET testing.

UTPA's Accelerated Alternative Program (AAP) for teacher certification has provided certification options on campus since 1986. Fifteen years ago, the inaugural class had three students and was a collaboration between UT-Brownsville and UTPA.

The program has "grown continuously" since then. Last fall, 261 students were enrolled in the program. "At the rate we're going right now, it may hit 300 next fall," Gonzalez said.

Students in the program meet once a week for two or three hours per session to discuss curriculum, lesson planning and management issues. The classes normally number six to 12 students.

"The sessions are informative sessions," Gonzalez said. "That happens throughout two semesters: fall and spring."

The state requires a mentor for each student, which is assigned by respective school principals, Gonzalez said.

"That mentor is as [similar] as possible to that intern," Gonzalez said.

"They try and select a mentor identical except in experience."

Mentors act as supervisors, observing, critiquing, making recommendations and acting as a "support system" for the student-teachers. UTPA also assigns mentors for each student, Gonzalez said.

"There's something called emergency permit, which allows [students] to teach and take classes while they're teaching," Gonzalez said.

Under the permit plan, student teachers do not have a degree, Gonzalez said. However, since they are non-certified teachers, they are not protected by state law regarding minimum salary.

"Our students are actually certified," Gonzalez said. "They receive a regular salary, benefits, insurance and even headaches."

Students in the program generally take classes the summer preceding the fall semester when they will begin teaching. The program requires completion of 12 hours of elementary, secondary or bilingual education courses.

Special education certification requires completion of 15 credit hours.

"Students usually take two classes per summer session," Gonzalez said.

Applications for the program are accepted year-round, but a target date should be before the summer semester preceding the fall students will be teaching.

"As long as they apply before classes" students will be allowed into the program, Gonzalez said.

Aside from filling out application forms, the program requires a degree, the education classes and certain G.P.A. and TASP scores.

Gonzalez said students interested in the program should wait before they spend money on application fees and other costs of the program due to changes in requirements made often by the state.

Most students complete the curriculum, Gonzalez said, but some students find few teaching opportunities in certain subjects. For example, new students have to compete with coaches to teach some history, Spanish, drama and art courses.

"I like to let people know realistically what is out there," Gonzalez said. "The areas in great need are special education, bilingual education, math, sciences and English teachers."

A \$50 fee is required for application at UTPA. Other costs include tuition

and program fees. Throughout the school year, students must pay \$2,550, deducted on a monthly basis from their paycheck.

The program fee pays for respective mentors, which earn a \$200 stipend per semester for their services and the remaining \$2,150 goes to cover UTPA AAP salaries and two ExCET exams.

"There is no limit [to how many times students may take the ExCET] according to the state," Gonzalez said. "Our students traditionally will pass the year."

However, if students fail to pass the ExCET, they may gain extensions from the state and no deductions are made from their paychecks during that time. In addition, students keep their "certified" teacher status during extensions, Gonzalez said.

As part of the program, students attend review sessions for the tests.

"It is time-consuming," Gonzalez said. "The commitment has to be there, especially for people with families. They're investing time and money."

Students wishing to apply must have a degree. However, if they do not have a minimum of 24 "hours of content" in the field they wish to teach, they will have the added pressure of completing those courses along with the education requirements.

Gonzalez said there is no exception to

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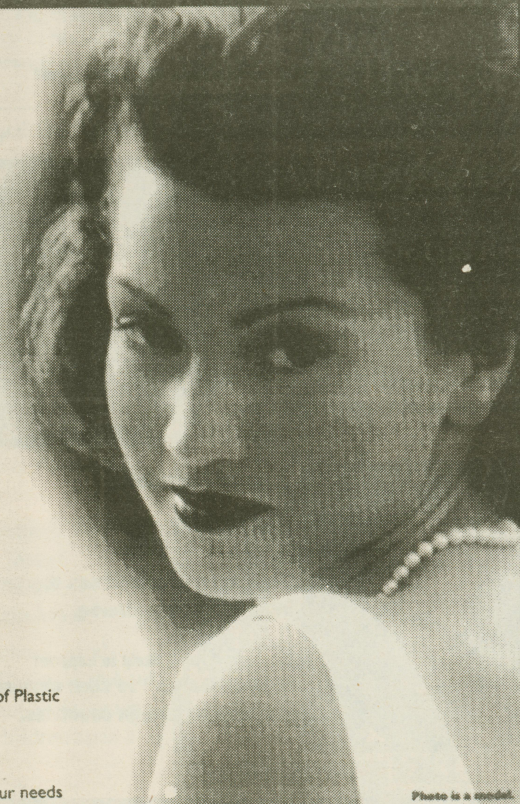


Photo is a model.

April Campus Calendar

Thursday, April 19 and Thursday, April 26 The Community, a club for the arts, will sponsor a "Spoken Word Jam" at the U.C. Circle from noon to 1 p.m. The free event is open on a first-come, first-served basis for anyone wishing to participate in an "open mic" to read poetry, prose, etc. In case of rains, signs will be posted as to where the event has moved. For more information, contact Caleb Belshe at 341-3333.

Thursday, April 19 Student Health Services presents its annual health fair from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Ballroom. The fair includes health and wellness information, blood pressure screenings, alcohol and drug abuse information, skin care and beauty consultants, mental health information, organ and tissue donation information, contact lens and eyeglass frames, blood glucose (sugar) screenings and disability information. There will also be giveaways and musical entertainment.

Thursday, April 19 Marissa Hernandez stars in "Before Breakfast," a play by North American Nobel and Pulitzer Prizewinner Eugene O'Neill will be performed in the Arena Studio in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building at noon. The play is sponsored by the Theater Department and directed by Etzel Cárdena. Admission

to the performance is free.

Through Friday, April 20 The University Gallery in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building presents a Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior Show featuring Julian Garza, Erich Keller and David Ransom. Admission to the gallery is free.

Monday, April 23 Student Health Services offers a Women's Wellness Clinic from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Pap smears, pelvic exams and breast exams are at a reduced rate for students, faculty and staff. For appointments, call 381-2511.

Monday, April 23 through Friday, April 27 SGA will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Donors receive free t-shirts. The blood drive will be in the Library Monday-Friday as well as in the Nursing Building on Monday; Student Union on Tuesday; Science Building on Wednesday; Engineering Building on Thursday and the Communications Building on Friday.

Monday, April 23 through Monday, June 4 The University Library will showcase "Garzaderas: Guerrilla Artfare & The Por-Mientras Aesthetic Taking Over From The Heads Of Government" by Rene Z. Garza. An outdoor reception with the

artist will be held April 23 under the UTPA Library Tower from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25 through Sunday, April 29 William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* will be performed in the University Theatre. Each performance begins at 8 p.m. except for the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Reserved seating is \$10, general admission is \$5, two UTPA students and faculty get in free with one ID and \$3 for non-Pan Am students. For more information or to reserve your tickets, contact the University Theatre Box Office at 381-3581.

Friday, April 27 The Speech and Hearing Center of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will host its once-per-semester on-campus hearing screenings from 9 a.m. to noon at the Speech and Hearing Center located in the Health Sciences West Building, Room 1.112. Screenings will take less than 5 minutes. No appointment is necessary and everyone is welcome. For children younger than 3 years, appointments may be necessary and different fees may apply. For more information, contact the Center at 381-3587.

Saturday, May 5 The UTPA Development Office will hold its first UTPA 5k Walk-a-Thon. Titled the

"Walk of Excellence," the event will raise funds for student scholarships and other special student activities. The walk begins at 8 a.m. and will start and finish at the new Edinburg Roadrunners' stadium. The rest of the walk goes through the UTPA campus and covers a total of 3.5 miles. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate, either as volunteers or as walkers. A percentage of the money will go directly to student organizations as well as cash prizes for the five groups who raise the most money. Walkers will receive a "Walk of Excellence" t-shirt, free food and drinks. For more information or to sign-up, contact University Development at 318-5301 or e-mail at amcmurry@coserve.org.

Wednesday, May 9 through Friday, May 11 Region One Education Service Center hosts its annual Technology Conference at the South Padre Island Convention Center. The conference will give participants the opportunity to view the latest in computer hardware, software, multimedia programs and attend sessions by industry representatives, as well as school district personnel, showcasing "technology's best practices." Registration information and applications are available at www.esc1.net/show2001 or you can call Pat Chrysler or Fabiola Fuentes at (956) 984-6000.

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- ✓ Good graphic and page design skills
- ✓ Knowledge of Macintosh system
- ✓ Familiarity with QuarkXPress, Photoshop programs

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The Adviser will provide training sessions for new staff members.

Apply at CAS 171 - Deadline: Applications must be submitted by noon April 27.

Renewable Energy

SOLAR ENERGY - Solar energy is the Earth's largest energy resource. Every day more solar energy falls to Earth than the total amount of energy the world's population will use in 27 years.

HOW IT WORKS - Solar energy systems use either solar cells or some form of solar collector to generate electricity, heat homes and business and destroy hazardous contaminants. The U.S. uses more than 71 trillion Btus (British thermal units) of solar energy each year.

WHERE IT COMES FROM - The southwestern United States as well as portions of Asia, Africa and Latin America receive very high solar intensities.

WIND ENERGY - From the late 1800s to early 1900s, more than 8 million wind turbines were installed in the U.S. to pump water, grind grain and produce electricity for rural areas. In the 1940s, wind turbines became obsolete when centralized fossil fuel plants provided inexpensive power to rural areas.

HOW IT WORKS - Wind turbines use a rotor, power shaft and generator to convert the wind's kinetic energy into electricity. When wind passes over the rotor, it creates aerodynamic lift that causes the rotor to spin. This motion drives the generator and produces electricity.

WHERE IT COMES FROM - More than 90 percent of the United States' wind power is produced by three wind farms in California at Altamont Pass, Tehachapi and Palm Springs.

GEO THERMAL ENERGY - Geothermal energy is heat that is below the Earth's crust. This energy rises naturally to the surface of the Earth as steam or hot water and typically appears as volcanoes, geysers or hot springs.

HOW IT WORKS - By inserting pipes into the ground, the hot water or steam can be brought directly to the surface to heat homes or business, or converted into electricity.

WHERE IT COMES FROM - Most of the United States' geothermal resources are in the western U.S.

Information from www.nrel.gov

Earth

With the creation of Earth Day 31 years ago by former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, the theme for this year's April 22 event is "Earth Day 2001"

By Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

The year 1970 was not a good one for rock and roll.

That year, Jimmy Hendrix died and the Beatles recorded their last album. But for the environmentalist movement, 1970 marked the beginning of Earth Day.

Earth Day began when founder and former U.S. Senator from Wisconsin Gaylord Nelson proposed the first nationwide environmental protest.

His goal was to force the issue of environmental awareness onto the national agenda.

On April 22, 1970 millions of Americans flooded American streets, parks and auditoriums to voice their concerns regarding the environment.

One of their major concerns was air pollution and how to sustain a healthy environment well into the future.

During this time, cars emitted fumes of leaded gas from their huge V8 sedans. Industrial plants popped up everywhere and filled the skies with smoke and smog with no fear of legal consequences or bad press.

But the creation of Earth Day brought important changes to the polluted landscape. In addition

to raising awareness of the problems that the world around us, Earth Day 1970 played a major role in the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and is also responsible for the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

Former Senator Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest honor given to civilians in the U.S. — for his role as Earth Day founder.

Earth Day has grown every year since and is celebrated by universities, colleges, elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

Local governments, non-governmental organizations, businesses and even faith organizations take part in the celebration every year as well.

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Earth Day 2001

Gaylord Nelson, people world-wide have realized the importance of environmental protection. Earth Day 2001: A Clean Energy Revolution," intended to promote the use of renewable energy

On Sunday, for the 31st time, people all over the world celebrate Earth Day. Every year Earth Day has a theme and this year's theme is the promotion of renewable energy, with "Earth Day 2001: A Clean Energy Revolution," as its slogan.

Earth Day Network (EDN) chairman Denis

Hayes said, "America has a historic opportunity to lead the world into the solar era."

Some examples of renewable energy Earth Day organizers want to promote in addition to solar energy are wind, geothermal and hydrogen energy.

Hayes said this issue is important and President George W. Bush's proposal to cut each of these alternative energy research budgets by nearly half

could be devastating.

National program director for EDN Jan Thomas agrees, and said a majority of the world's environmental problems are tied to our use of

polluting energy sources.

"From urban air pollution to global warming; from endangered species to endangered humans — whatever your individual concerns about the environment, they are probably linked to energy," Thomas said.

Earth Day organizers hope to educate, inform and motivate millions of people around the world in the transition to use renewable energy and to become energy efficient.

Renewable energy and energy efficiency will be the focus of over 600 events scheduled across the country Sunday.

In 1990, Earth Day went global and encouraged over 200 million people in 141 countries to bring environmental issues onto the world stage.

As the millennium approached, Hayes led another campaign which focused on global warming and a push for clean energy.

Earth Day 2000 combined the festive attitude of the first Earth Day with the international grassroots activism of Earth Day 1990, and used the Internet to interconnect and coordinate Earth Day activities around the world.

Earth Day 2000 brought together over 5,000 environmental groups from around the world in a record 184 countries

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— Jan Thomas
National Program Director for Earth Day Network

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There is a maximum level of \$1.50 (tax rate) and districts are rewarded according to how much they raise, Pena said.

Federal grants pay for paraprofessionals, which allows the district to pay teachers above the state's minimum, Pena said.

"We do not have a big attrition rate here," Pena said. "If they do leave, it's a teacher who did not pass the ExCET or whose permit expired."

The state base salary schedule is in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 4, passed by the 76th Session of the legislature, a TEA Website report read. Section 21.401 of the Texas Education Code says an educator employed under a 10-month contract must work a minimum of 187 days.

Several districts pay additional stipends to teachers with Master's degrees and to teachers certified and teaching in shortage areas such as mathematics, special education, bilingual education and English as a Second Language (ESL).

"If you have a Master's degree, you'll get \$1,000 forever here," said Pena, regarding his district's stipend for teachers with graduate degrees.

Pena said his district pays teachers in critical areas \$500 per year. The areas include math, bilingual education, ESL and special education.

Information on salaries and benefits for individuals can be obtained by contacting individual districts or TEA's Region One office in Edinburg.

Beginning Teacher Pay Around the Valley 2000-2001

District	Yearly Salary (Bachelor's Degree)	Master's Degree Stipend
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Donna ISD:	\$28,000	\$500
Edcouch-Elsa ISD:	\$29,000	\$1,000
Edinburg CISD:	\$29,240	no stipend
*Harlingen ISD:	\$29,650	\$1,000
La Joya ISD:	\$30,500	\$1,000
McAllen ISD:	\$30,000	\$750
Mission CISD:	\$30,000	\$750
San Benito ISD:	\$29,000	no data
*Weslaco ISD:	\$30,500	\$750

*-Personnel officers say district may increase pay next year.

Sources: "American Education Week" Online Graphic: Gabriel Hernandez/Daniel Garcia Ordaz

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Network ICE, a California-based company specializing in anti-hacker software.

"However, on the other hand, I think the FBI often oversteps their boundaries because they don't know much about technology."

Graham said he feels the agency's ignorance regarding technology may lead to compromised personal privacy and does not anticipate the FBI's knowledge of technology to be "up to par" any time soon.

"Ten years from now, they will catch up to today's technology," Graham said.

"There is no more a danger to your privacy by Carnivore than any other law enforcement tool being used improperly," Toal said.

Nigel Cohen, a civil rights lawyer and UTPA professor of criminal justice, said he is not particularly worried about the collection system.

"It didn't sound to me that it violated the Fourth Amendment," Cohen said.

"The Electronics Communications Privacy Act of 1986 states specific laws to

protect citizens online," Toal explained. "I believe that most law enforcement people, FBI and police officers, are honest people."

Graham said citizens should not be worried about Carnivore as much as their ISP. "It happens a lot more often that the ISP reads an e-mail containing information about criminal activity and reports it to the FBI," Graham said.

"There are design flaws in the Carnivore system that show the FBI's ignorance of technology. There's not much of a third party watching the FBI's activities in the Carnivore thing," Graham said.

John Collingwood, FBI Assistant Director for Office of Public and Congressional Affairs, offered reassurance to Americans in a letter to Congress in August 2000.

"Contrary to what has been asserted, we are not recruiting Internet Service Providers to 'spy on U.S. citizens.' The FBI has not been granted any new powers, let alone 'sweeping' ones, and we are not asking anyone to just 'trust us'."

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store managers, county officials and former military members.

"We attract anyone with a bachelor's degree," Gonzalez said. "That's what the state originally developed these programs for."

In the past, applicants have included persons from 30 to 50 years old, but recent economic changes have encour-

aged recent graduates to apply.

The older students "do well in ExCETS because of their problem-solving skills honed through the experience factor," Gonzalez said.

"I'm real proud of our students," Gonzalez said. "Some of them quit their jobs or came from out-of-state or out-of-country just to do this."

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Commissioner L.B. Sullivan sued the paper for libel.

The fact that the ad contained some minor errors in addition to its criticism of Southern officials paved the way for Sullivan's legal victories in both the trial court and the Alabama Supreme Court. Those who were offended by *The New York Times* ad found themselves just one step away from victory over the newspaper that had made them uncomfortable. All that stood between Sullivan and a monetary award was the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the landmark case of *New York Times v. Sullivan*, however, the Supreme Court unanimously reversed the lower-court decision, holding that a public official cannot recover for defamation unless he proves actual malice. This proved to be a pivotal case in First Amendment law, providing the news media considerable leeway and protection when pursuing stories in the public interest.

While the ruling doesn't directly apply to this current controversy, the spirit of the court's decision certainly does.

In his majority opinion, Justice William Brennan wrote: "We consider this case against the background of a profound national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust and wide open."

Today's controversy suggests that many students have forgotten the importance of maintaining their own campuses as forums for "uninhibited, robust and wide open" discussion.

Universities have historically been places where people could express their views openly in the hopes of building a better society. Sometimes these viewpoints come in the form of speeches or articles; sometimes they come in the form of ads. Sometimes these views refresh; sometimes they repel.

Those who would seek to punish student media for publishing a controversial ad have lost sight of the role of the First Amendment in transforming race relations in this country over the past 50 years. Freedom of the press protected *The New York Times* ad and extensive coverage of the civil rights movement in the *Times* and other news media. Free speech protected Dr. King and civil rights activists. The rights of assembly and petition made marches and legislative reforms possible. And freedom of religion motivated and invigorated those crusading for change.

The First Amendment has served us extraordinarily well. Is it possible that we're not seeing a generation so committed to inoffensive speech that it's willing to chip away at these fundamental freedoms?

Speech that offends no one is generally speech without substance. Unless we embrace free expression on America's campuses, our universities risk becoming doctrinaire boot camps teaching intolerance rather than free-speech forums preparing young people for citizenship in the world's oldest democracy.

* Ken Paulson is executive director of the First Amendment Center with offices in New York City and Nashville, Tenn.

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to sharing her SSN, but expects the number to be held in confidentiality.

"There needs to be more security to make sure that the person that will get your Social Security Number will be more private, more reliable," De Leon said.

De Leon said she expects UTPA staff, once hired, to receive training on "privacy and the rules."

"I'm assuming they should be reliable if that's where they're working," De Leon said.

"It's not an issue because [fraud] has not happened to us," said Tony Barajas, an UTPA nursing student.

A SSN is also required for accessing most student records, such as transcripts, and is also needed for online and telephone registration.

"Their Social Security numbers are not shared information," director of the Center for Distance Learning (CDL) and Teaching Excellence at UTPA. "If they decide to share the information with someone, that is their choice."

"There are other places where we use the Social Security Number," Barajas said. "It's not just the school."

There are security risks to online courses, but the system is trustworthy," Barajas said.

"If we didn't have to give our [SSN], we'd have to give a PIN number," Barajas said. "It's better to just use the ending of your [SSN]."

The entire SSN must be entered for access to the courses, according to log-on information at CDL's WebCT site.

There are no CDL plans to change student access to online classes or WebCT, Lawrence-Fowler said, leaving students to wonder why an alternative, such as their e-mail password, is not used.

"It could easily be misused when you share your Social Security Number," the unidentified student said.

Some students said they refuse to log on, therefore failing to take advantage of extra credit or other pertinent information posted on WebCT by some professors.

"The SSN is used for initial log-in for the semester," Lawrence-Fowler said. "This facilitates the enrolling of students into the courses."

Lawrence-Fowler said students can change their password "at any time after

their initial log-in" to online classes.

"It is their choice whether to [change their password]," Lawrence-Fowler said. "Since they have the capability to change the password, their decision to not log in has to be for a different reason."

However, that option is not available to WebCT users.

"Online courses can serve as an alternative to a traditionally delivered course," said Dr. Wendy A. Lawrence-Fowler. "To successfully complete an online course, you must have a great deal of self-discipline and motivation."

Fowler said another 3,800 students use an online course management system to augment instruction and learning. Some professors ask their students to log onto WebCT programs to enhance their educational experience.

WebCT may include online quizzes, extra credit tasks and material produced by instructors which is complementary to lectures.

"I would suggest that students interested in taking an online course think carefully about the commitments that they have to work, home and school," Lawrence-Fowler said. "While they remove certain limitations such as time and place from the learning activities, they are not (as often perceived) easier than traditional courses."

Professors make room for teaching online classes as part of their regular teaching load, Lawrence-Fowler said. Different professors make different assignments.

"The frequency with which a student accesses their course depends on a variety of factors including the requirements of the course, their schedule, and their involvement in the course," Lawrence-Fowler said.

An example of the tele campus in use at UTPA is high school students participating in classes on campus through concurrent enrollment. The ITV (interactive video) course allows students to "attend" classes (though they are off-campus) via an audio/video hookup.

"We have a number of very good courses offered via distance learning," Lawrence-Fowler said. "They change from semester to semester."

A list of distance learning courses can be found in the back of printed course schedules.

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Thorn announces third signee of the season

Sports Information

The Lady Bronc volleyball team is excited to announce the signing of California native, Amanda Rhine, to a National Letter of Intent.

Rhine is the third signee for the Lady Bronc squad so far this off-season, joining Jennifer Scanlan, a native of North Texas and San Luis Obispo (SLO) teammate Sandra Darway who signed with the Lady Broncs last November during the early signing period.

Head Coach Dave Thorn is excited as "Amanda has already played with Sandy and this will definitely make the transition to the NCAA Division-I level much easier."

Rhine, a six-foot-two-inch middle blocker, comes to UTPA with an established volleyball resume. While competing at Atascadero High School some of her most impressive accomplishments include being named Division-2, 1st team All-California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and All-Scholastic CIF as a senior; MVP of the Los

Recent Signings

- Jennifer Scanlan
-6'3"
-Middle blocker
-Led Rockwall High School team in kills with 11.42 a game.
- Sandra Darway
-5'11"
-Outside hitter/setter
-In four years, helped Arroyo Grande High School to a 68-15 record.

Padres Athletic League in 2000; 1st Team All-Los Padres Athletic League in 1999 & 2000; All-San Luis Obispo County in 1999 and 2000; All SLO Tournament Team in 2000; and MVP of the Atascadero Dogs and Cats Tournament in 2000.

She was also named Athlete of the Week for the Gazette and Atascadero News in 1999 and 2000, along with being named a Tribune San Luis Obispo County all-area athlete

in 2000.

According to Coach Thorn "Amanda brings us much needed depth in the middle blocker position. She also brings a lot of height and athleticism to our team".

Rhine chose UTPA over Alabama, CSU-Chico, and CSU-Stanislaus.

"I just felt that UT Pan American had more to offer me," commented Rhine.

The Lady Broncs finished the 2000 season with a 19-18 record, tying the all-time school win record.

During this record setting 2000 campaign several Lady Broncs were recognized for outstanding individual achievements.

Garnering Independent "Rookie" Player-of-the-Year was UTPA freshman, Mindy Hubik (Bedford, TX), who was also named 2nd Team All-Independent.

Teammate and fellow freshman, Jaclyn Muszinski (Walnut, CA) was named to the All-Independent 1st team.

Thorn was named Independent Coach of the Year.

Regular season ends, 2001 NBA playoff match-ups set

By Matt Lynch
The Pan American

When the NBA playoffs tip off this weekend, basketball fans all over the world will cheer in unison, "let the games begin!"

Most NBA fans, including myself, skip the first round of the NBA playoffs and start watching when the semifinals begin. The common complaint about the finals is that everyone makes it to the post season.

Over half of the teams in the NBA make the playoffs, and the current playoff system pits the best against the worst in the first round. So with the exception of the rare upset, you're not missing much if you don't watch the first round.

But that doesn't apply this season. The Western Conference was a virtual log-jam this season, with the first and eighth seeds separated by only 11 games.

The San Antonio Spurs face the Minnesota Timberwolves in the first round of the playoffs, and the match up isn't the cakewalk first seeds usually get in the opening round.

The Spurs took the season series 3-1 over the Timberwolves, but two of those games went to overtime and the largest margin of victory was only 12 points. The 'Wolves have a forward that matches up well against

Tim Duncan in Kevin Garnett, and could make the first round treacherous for the Spurs.

In a rematch of last season's Western Conference Finals, the Los Angeles Lakers face off against the rival Portland Trailblazers. Although the Blazers have limped through the final weeks of the season, the Lakers should still have their hands full.

LA forward Horace Grant faces the task of defending Rasheed Wallace, and Grant has a particularly bleak outlook for the remainder of the

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playoffs. If LA makes it past Portland, Grant will likely face two more of the league's best power forwards, Duncan and Sacramento's Chris Webber.

Things are a little more open in the Eastern Conference, but there could still be some surprises in the first round. The fourth seed New York Knicks face the tough task of stopping Vince Carter and the Toronto Raptors. The Raptors dominated the Knicks this season, taking three of the four contests.

Between Wallace's technicals and Carter's dunks, this year's playoffs are packed with more excitement than ever. Sure, just about everyone makes it into the playoffs.

Well, everyone except the Clippers and the Bulls; we're not THAT desperate.

Bronc basketball signs Kevin Mitchell

Sports Information

The UTPA Men's Basketball Program announced that Kevin Mitchell has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Broncs next season.

Mitchell is a six-foot-two-inch guard from McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas.

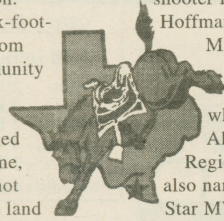
Mitchell averaged 8.4 points per game, 3.4 assists, and shot .380 from 3-point land for his career with the Highlanders. Mitchell was also a North Texas Junior College Athletic Association (NTJCAA) Honorable Mention last season. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Mitchell was a Presidential Scholar.

"Kevin is a quality young man and a tremendous student-athlete," said Head Coach Bob Hoffman. "He has the leadership abilities to be a great fit for our team and he is also a good shooter from long range," Hoffman added.

Mitchell played basketball at Copperas Cove High School in Texas where he was a first team All-District and All-Region selection. He was also named the CenTex All-Star MVP and was a Tandy Scholar.

As a senior, Mitchell averaged 18 points, six assists, and seven steals per contest.

Mitchell joins Derrick East and Jonathan Nubine who also signed with the Broncs this spring.



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UTSA and UTA dominate All-Conference First Team

Special to The Pan American

The top two men's tennis teams in the Southland Conference have enjoyed great success on the court this season and have been recognized by the head coaches with several league awards.

Texas-San Antonio, the 2001 regular-season champion for the first time, has placed three student-athletes on this year's All-Southland Conference Men's Tennis First Team in singles. The Roadrunners' head coach, Dr. Oliver Trittenwein, has been voted by his peers as the league's coach of the year for the first time.

Texas-Arlington, the regular-season runner up, also had three All-Conference First Team members as well as freshman of the year David Corrie, and player of the year Andy Leber for the second consecutive season.

Leber, a junior from Gratwein, Austria, posted an undefeated record of 6-0 in singles play against Southland opponents at his No. 1 position. With an overall singles record of 23-13 (15-5 at the first position), Leber has been nationally ranked during the year.

Leber is joined on the All-Conference First Team by teammates Per-Erik Karlsson, who was voted in at No. 2 singles, and Alon Goldshuv, who was unbeaten at No. 6 singles.

UTSA's three first-team players are Frederik Darmont, who was voted in at No. 3 singles; Brett Veale, undefeated at No. 4 singles; and Max Dounaev, who was unbeaten at No. 5 singles.

Three different schools were recognized in first-team doubles with undefeated duos. UTSA's Andy Murillo and Darmont claim the honor at No. 1 doubles while UTA's Tom Zarzeczny and Karlsson were unbeaten at No. 2. Centenary College, in its first year as an affiliate member of the Southland Conference in men's tennis, had the best No. 3 doubles tandem in Chris Collins and Jesse T. Cope.

The other affiliate member, Texas-Pan American, received Second Team All-Conference honors at No. 6 singles as Tom Mangelschots went undefeated in league action, and at No. 3 doubles where Pierre Cantu and Alex Cequea were voted in. Junior Kareem Abdullah, who joined the Broncos after two years at Seward (Kansas) Community College, was voted the newcomer of the year.

Centenary and UTPA were granted affiliate membership to the Southland Conference in men's tennis, so the league could meet the minimum requirement of six teams to qualify for an automatic birth to the NCAA Tennis Championship. The Southland is currently playing with seven men's teams.

Broncs split double-header

UTPA takes advantage of wild pitching by Houston Baptist

By Isaac Chavarria

The Pan American

The Bronc baseball team extended their win streak to four with a win over the Houston Baptists Huskies (22-21) on Wednesday at Jody Ramsey Stadium, but then lost to HB in the second game of the double-header.

The Broncos (9-29) scored in the first inning when junior Marvin Manns homered. Huskie pitcher Matt LeLaurin walked the next two Broncos, but senior Darren Heinrichs and freshman Matt Sisk flied out to end the inning.

Junior pitcher Frank James started the second inning for UTPA striking out two HB batters and finished the game with eight strikeouts.

The Broncos scored their last runs in the second inning, but it would be enough to hold off the Huskies. With the bases loaded, junior Sergio Pompa scored after senior Caleb Schmidt was hit by a pitch and advanced the players on base.

The wild pitching by LeLaurin continued in the second, as sophomore Clark Baggett was hit for the second time in the game, advancing Manns for the Broncos third run.

The Huskies scored in the fourth inning and had two hits in the sixth

inning, but were unable to produce any runs.

The win gave James a 1-8 record. Senior Scott Fowler came in to relieve James and allowed one run and struck out two in two innings.

In the second game, the game remained scoreless until the fifth inning, when Houston Baptist scored two against junior Justin Dowd. Dowd allowed five hits and two strike outs and downed his record to 2-6.

Huskie pitcher Michael Hanks pitched all seven innings and allowed only two hits and struck out six Broncos. Senior Levi Frary relieved Dowd in the sixth inning, but gave up three hits and a run.

This time around, Houston Baptist took advantage of four UTPA errors to get players on base. An error in the fifth and two in the seventh helped the Huskies score their only runs of the game.

UTPA was led by Schmidt and Flynn, who each had one hit. HB was led by their second baseman Tommy Crosby, who had two hits and scored a run.

The Broncos next game will be on Saturday at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi for a double-header starting at 4 p.m. Last season, UTPA defeated TAMCC six times and in their last three-game series won two games.

Southland Conference

Texas-San Antonio will have to use any home-court advantage it might have this weekend when it hosts the 2001 Southland Conference Men's Tennis Championship. The Roadrunners (6-0), with their first-ever regular-season title and the No. 1 seed, will face the winner of the Texas-Pan American/Louisiana-Monroe match in the tournament's second round Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at the UTSA Tennis Center. UTSA defeated UTPA 6-1 and ULM 4-3 during the regular season.

Looking to topple the 'Runners will be Texas-Arlington (5-1), who has won the last two regular-season titles and is the three-time defending tournament champion. UTA's only loss in league play was a 4-3 decision at home to UTSA on March 13.

The Mavericks will have to win two matches to advance to familiar territory, the championship final. They will face Centenary College (0-6) in the

	Southland	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Southeastern Louisiana	4-2	.667	8-9	.471	W 2
Texas-Arlington	5-1	.833	14-7	.667	L 1
Texas-San Antonio	6-0	1.000	12-10	.545	W 3
Centenary	0-6	.000	3-19	.136	L 6
Texas-Pan American	3-3	.500	12-14	.462	L 2
Lamar	1-5	.167	4-16	.200	L 2
Louisiana-Monroe	2-4	.333	5-15	.250	L 1

first round Friday at 8 a.m. The winner will meet with the winner of the Southeastern Louisiana/Lamar match Saturday at 11 a.m. UTA had regular-season victories of 7-0 over all three of these teams.

Most importantly, the winner of the Southland Conference Tennis Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship. This is a first for the Southland, which granted affiliate membership to Centenary and Texas-Pan American this year in order to meet the minimum requirement of six teams to qualify for the automatic birth. The Southland is competing with seven men's

teams now.

In the other first-round matchups, SLU (4-2) faces Lamar (1-5) Friday at 11:30 a.m. The Lions defeated the Cardinals 5-2 on March 24.

Texas-Pan American (3-3) will meet Louisiana-Monroe (2-4) in the 3 p.m. Friday match. The Broncos downed the Indians 5-2 earlier in regular-season play.

Only four squads saw action last week. UTA was thumped by No. 8 Southern Methodist 7-0. UTSA trounced Trinity 7-0 while ULM and UTPA both lost 6-1 matches to Memphis and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, respectively.

Friday, April 20

No. 2 UTA vs. No. 7 Centenary, 8 a.m.
No. 3 SLU vs. No. 6 Lamar, 11:30 a.m.
No. 4 UTPA vs. No. 5 ULM, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

Winner UTA-CC vs. Winner SLU-LU, 11 a.m.

No. 1 UTSA vs. Winner UTPA-ULM, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Championship, 10 a.m.

Southland Conference Player of the Week - April 16, 2001



- Andy Murillo
- Texas-San Antonio
- Senior
- San Antonio

Andy Murillo, a 6'2" senior from San Antonio, recorded a 6-3, 6-4 win over Trinity's Sloan Rush at No. 1 singles last week, upping his overall spring record to 9-3 and 5-1 at the No. 1 position.

Teaming with junior Frederik Darmont, he defeated Trinity's Rush and Ed Rahn 8-4 at No. 1 doubles.

The win improved the duo's overall record to 9-3, all at No. 1 doubles. Murillo helped UTSA finish as the top seed in the Southland Conference.



The University of Texas-Pan American needs your help in identifying a name for the **NEWLY RENOVATED WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALL**, scheduled to re-open for Summer I 2001.

NAME CONTEST ENTRY RULES:

- ✓ Only currently enrolled UTPA students and currently recognized UTPA student organizations are eligible to participate.
- ✓ Entry forms are available at the Office of Residence Life, Bronco Village - apt. #1101; call 287-7100 for more information.
- ✓ Entries cannot include the name of a person; submission of an individual's name as an entry will invalidate the entry.
- ✓ All entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at the Office of Residence Life.
- ✓ Entries will be forwarded to the UTPA Campus Facilities Planning Committee (CFPC) for judging. The decision of the CFPC will be final.

Contest prize: \$350 UTPA Bookstore Gift Certificate!

If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 287-7100 at least five days before the close of the contest so that appropriate arrangements can be made.